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Application has been made to the Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. to have this Enterprise entered at the Post Office in Clayton, N. M. as Second class matter.

With this, the fourth issue of the Enterprise, we ask the public if it is a paper worthy of their support? It is our aim to publish a clean, new paper; we have no ax to grind with anyone, nor for anyone; when it comes to matters of public interest, our columns are open to both sides of the question. If we merit and receive the support of the public we will enlarge the size of the paper and try to increase the standard of news.

President Roosevelt says he is entirely satisfied with Mr. Garfield's report on the beef trust. No is the beef trust. The dissatisfaction seems to be confined to the cattle grower and the consumer.—K. C. Weekly Journal.

A gentleman from the East got some of our merchants prices here on groceries the other day, and expressed himself as being surprised at the fact, that he could live here just as cheap as he could in the East.

It looks nice to see a man homeward bound with a bundle of trees under his arm at this time of the year, what a different appearance our town would have in a short term of years if every one would plant a few trees this spring, they cost but a trifle, and a basket of water now and then would insure their growth.

Don't wait for prosperity to come to you, money and opportunity are growing scarcer in many states, but in the Southwest they are more plentiful each year. The country is a long way from the zenith of its development, and the influx of population means creation of opportunity for others. There is a veritable contagion of prosperity that rests on a solid foundation because the natural resources are developing. Men work out doors nearly all the year round. The land works with them. The winters are mild and open, hence the earning capacity of every man is greater.

The method of proving up on homesteads has been changed by rules recently adopted. A special government agent will visit all the principal towns of a land district each month on a specified date for the purpose of taking homestead proofs. The land office will advertise for proof in the local paper nearest the land and those having proofs to make will meet the agent on the date fixed. The new rule is designed to prevent fraudulent proof of residence on a claim. Under the old rule proof could be made to the United States court commissioner and a special agent visited a locality only when fraud was suspected.

Seed testing is a simple matter, all that is needed is a flat dish or pan and some cotton kept moist in a warm room. Some seeds will sprout in twenty four hours; some require a week, the time depending some what upon the conditions of the room. The virility of some seeds, such as radish, cabbage and alfalfa can be tested by dropping them on a hot stove. If they are alive the heat will form steam from their inside moisture explode and pop.

Alfalfa

Alfalfa is the standard field crop of the territory. This vigorous and hardy member of the clover family is to the farmer of the semi-arid west what the camel is to the wandering tribes of the desert—it supplies about all the necessities of life. The lean cattle can be finished for market on alfalfa. Fed to the dairy cow either green or cured, it is equal to a feed of ensilage. Hogs thrive on it and grow fat with little or no other feed, and even hens prefer it to other green foods. As a forage crop it has no equal. Under ordinary conditions it will produce four crops a year, with a combined yield of from five to six tons per acre. As it renews itself, there is little expense except the harvesting as its roots will go twenty feet to water, after a stand is once secured, it needs little irrigation. The vast herds of range cattle that have heretofore been sent to Kansas and Nebraska to be finished will ultimately receive their final additions for the market in New Mexico feeding stations, and alfalfa will take the place of corn.

The Stockholders of the Sater Copper Company, held their annual election March 18th, at Pittsburgh, Pa. and elected the following directors, Pas Valverde, Milton Sater, Jared Sater, Dr. W. W. Wolf, W. H. Staley, John G. Lease, James M. Kirley, Ira C. Park and W. G. Winterhalter. The officers of the Company were also elected, Jared Sater, President; John G. Lease, Vice President; W. W. Wolf, Treasurer; R. H. Staley, Secretary. The financial report was given to the Stockholders and a verbal report of the years work done on the mines by the president and a vote of thanks tendered the officers for their services by the meeting. Work will begin at the mines putting in a larger hoist and pumping plant the present shaft enlarged making it a permanent working shaft for mills which will be put in operation during this year the working force will be increased largely by the middle of April.

The announcement is out of the intended marriage of R. W. Isaacs and Miss Victoria Alice Stubbs, to take place at Trinidad, Colorado next Sunday. May they live long and be happy is the wish of the Enterprise. They will arrive in Clayton on the twelve o'clock train Sunday night.

We wish to call your attention to the measures that were passed by the legislature on the last day of the session. Read Alva Adam's signed statement regarding the Colorado Governorship contest, Doings at Washington. Facts and figures of the war in the East. All in this issue of the Enterprise.

If the reuter in the middle western states that is paying from three to six dollars cash rent knew that there was good government land in two miles of this county seat with the future possibilities that is here, do you suppose that he would hesitate long in changing his residence.

No one that attended the successful ball, given by the woodmen at their hall on last Friday night, but what were proud of the Clayton Concert Band. The band boys are giving a good account of themselves. It will not be long before the town will be filled once a week or more to enjoy the open air concerts.

Cimarron Notes.

This locality has taken advantage, of the favorable conditions of weather this spring, and have put out a nice area in early gardens, and preparations are being made to extend the alfalfa acreage of the valley, as this valuable forage plant has proven itself, by time and test, to be one of the most profitable crops that can be planted here. The greatest difficulty met with by the farmer is to get the plant started. But the condition of the ground this spring is more favorable for the planting of alfalfa and getting it started good than it has been for many years.

A few of our light hearted, happy, citizens gathered at the hospitable home of Wm. Lumpkins, a few evenings since, and rattled the toes to the resistless melody of Jim White's fiddle until the small hours of morning. One wagonload of the merry-makers were compelled to walk home on account of breaking a wagon tongue.

Mr. Gibson, of Saterville, has completed a seventy five foot well, put up a new wind mill, storage tanks etc. preparatory to irrigating a nice little acreage of truck this season, and judging by the way he has begun, we predict success to the enterprise.

Bud and Jack Davis, the gentlemanly proprietors of "The One Eyed Tiger," have moved their popular resort from its former location, to the Brane Sayers place on the Carrizozo where the convivial and thirsty can always find a good stock of howling water.

Superintendent McDougall of the Sater Mines, returned from Denver where he went to purchase new machinery for the Company \$10,000 worth of mining fixtures will follow in a few days, and then all the boys will have to strike the quick step to the tune of "Rustle or Hike."

A few old grandmother cows are getting rickety, but most cattle are coming through well. The beef fly appears to be a little more merciful so far than is common perhaps it is on account of the unusual wet weather this spring.

Alex. McKenzie's new house is about ready to move into. This is one of the best houses in the county, and is a credit to any community. Mr. W. D. Mackey has also erected a residence, that excites the envy of most all of us.—Col.

Christian Endeavor Missionary meeting Sunday evening March 20 at seven P. M. In the Christian Church. Topic: Christian Endeavor comradeship; with other churches at home and with distant lands. Acts 17: 24-28; John 17: 20-21. Every one cordially invited to attend, and to take part.

The little word yes or no, so easily spoken, has determined the destiny of many a life. Yes, the girl answers her lover, and becomes happy or wretched for the rest of her years. No, spoken in the hour of temptation, keeps a man strong and pure and brings him heaven's help.

The man who has the courage and enterprise to enter upon a tract of arid land and reclaim it is a public benefactor. His opportunity should be enlarged rather than curtailed. Under the desert land law more acres have been reclaimed than under all other laws combined.

Mrs. Geo. Gamel called at our office and subscribed for the Enterprise, to day.

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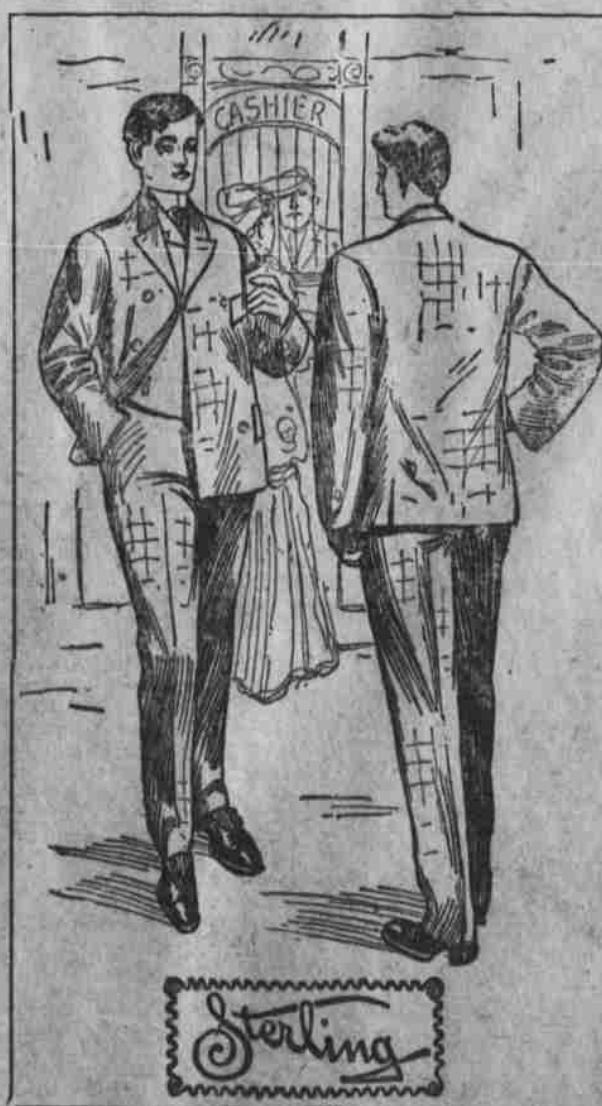
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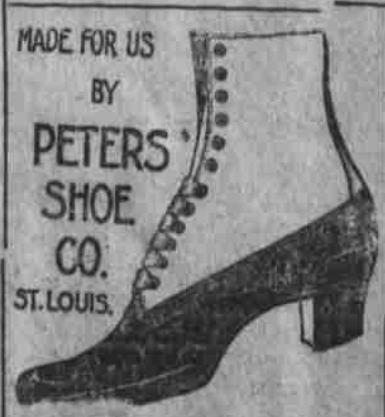
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